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The First American Legislature

Possibly it will be interesting, as the echoes are dying away in the legislative halls of the session of 1911-1912, to compare the doings and sayings of that first American Legislature that sat in 1776-1777, 23 years ago, convening Friday, July 30, in the old wooden church at Jamestown.

Certainly 1619 was the greatest year in Colonial Virginia, greater even than 1776, because it forms the basis, without which not even the events of 1776 could have taken place.

This Assembly, called the House of Burgesses, composed of a Governor, six Councilors and twenty Burgesses, sat six days and accomplished a great deal of work.

In the choir of the church, of which the members of the Assembly were members, and stood from the other side of the Governor, their coats trimmed with gold lace, and the Speaker right before him. The clerk sat next to the Speaker, and the sergeant stood at the bar. In the body of the church, facing the choir, sat the Burgesses, or delegates, in their best attire, with starched ruffs and coats of silk and velvet in bright colors.

As there were no roads and public highways in those days, and not until 1822, the members of the Assembly came in barges and sloops from the plantations to Jamestown, and they had to take an early breakfast of bacon and hockeak for the meeting was called to order at the third heat of the drum—some hour after sunrise.

The sessions were always opened with prayer. "Forasmuch as men's affairs do little prosper where God's service is neglected." As soon as all were settled, Rev. Richard Bucke of the church, facing the choir, gave the prayer for guidance, that they might do their duty as would be to his own glory and the good of the plantation. Every absence from this service was punished with a fine of 1 shilling. The fine for absence during the whole day was 1 crown. This was the members were sworn into office.

Laws Not So Ludicrous.
Although some of the laws enacted seem ludicrous and even absurd in the light of modern methods, yet this body, to this day, is noted for its thoroughness, as it conscientiously represented the will of the people.

The very last work of the Assembly was in regard to its own organization. Salaries were fixed for the Speaker, clerk and sergeant, all others being supposed to give their services willingly for the good of the Colony. The methods of collecting tobacco for these salaries were arranged, and a letter to the London Company was drawn up "presenting respects and asking pardon for having brought their laws to 'no more perfection.'"

That was a veritable training school for American statesmen, and they grew easily into statesmen.

The General Assembly was both a legislative and judicial body. From sweeping principles of constitutional law down to the pettiest sumptuary edicts, there was nothing this little parliament did not superintend and direct.

Fiske and Cooke are among the historians who interestingly tell of some of the ancient laws, as follows: "Any person found drunk was, for the first offense, to be privately reprimanded by the minister; the second time this reprimand was to be publicly administered; the third time the offender must be put in irons twelve hours and pay a fine; for any subsequent offenses he must be severely punished at the discretion of the Governor and Council."

To guard the community against excessive vanity in dress, it was enacted that, for all public contributions, every unmarried man must be assessed in church "according to his own apparel; and every married man must be assessed according to his own and his wife's apparel."

Flirting Is Condemned.
Not merely extravagance in dress, but such social misdemeanors as flirting, received the legislative condemnation. Pretty maids were known to encourage hopes in more than one suitor, and gay deceivers of the sterner sex would sometimes seek to win the affections of two or more women at the same time. It was enacted that "every minister should give notice in his church that what man or woman soever should use any word or speech tending to a contract of marriage to two several persons at one time as might entangle or breed scruples in their conscience, should for such offenses either undergo corporal correction (whipping), or be punished by fine or otherwise, according to the quality of the person so offending."

If persons of quality indulge in this dangerous amusement, they are only to be fined; all others are to be corporally punished with good lashes on the back. Cooke says: "There is no proof whatever that any 'Virginia maid' was ever thus corporally corrected."

No planter could dispose of so much as a pound of tobacco until the minister be satisfied as to salary. Speaking against the Governor or any member of the Council was liable to be punished with the pillory. It seemed good that vile offenders against the law or the respect due to dignitaries should have arms and head held by it and be fired at by passersby. Often after this public exposure the prisoner had his ears cut off.

Edward Sharpless, clerk of the Council, furnished John Pory, of the King's Commission, with a copy of the pub-

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ters will meet on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock with Mrs. William H. Adams, 507 North Twenty-fourth Street. A full attendance is requested.

Numerous requests have been received to repeat "Stole Days," the annual entertainment given by this circle, but owing to illness in the families of some of the members of the cast this cannot be done at an early date, as had been arranged. Any person holding tickets to the first performance not being able to use them on account of the lateness of the hour in unavoidable change of plans may bring the same to the Church Hill Bank, corner of Broad and Twenty-fifth Streets, before March 15.

Baltimore Wedding.
The marriage of Miss Jennie Glick and Ellis Marks of Richmond, was celebrated at half-past 4 o'clock last Sunday afternoon at Brins Madras Synagogue, in Baltimore. A reception followed the ceremony at Clayett's Hall. Accompanying Mr. Marks to Baltimore for his wedding were Abe, Dave and Morris Marks, of this city; R. Marks, of Roanoke Rapids, N. C.; Harry Schwartz, Eugene Blotner and Frank Brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Marks are spending their honeymoon in the North, and will make their home in Richmond on their return.

Hooker—Harbaugh.
A beautiful wedding took place Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock in the home of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Brauer, beyond Fairmount, when their granddaughter, Miss Josephine Theresa Harbaugh, daughter of Mrs. William H. Brauer, became the bride of Zebulon Vance Hooker, now of Richmond, but formerly of Greenville, N. C. The Rev. E. N. Calisch officiated. The Brauer home was decorated for the ceremony in palms, smilax and lilies of the valley. A wedding bell of these flowers hung over the heads of the bride and groom, and the centerpiece in the dining room was of lilies and maidenhair ferns.

The bride was gowned in white champagne, trimmed in Duchesse lace, and her tulle veil was caught with valley lilies and a butterfly of real lace. Her bouquet was a shower of white violets and lilies of the valley.

She was attended by her cousin, Mrs. Oscar Hooker, as matron of honor, in a gown of green champagne and crystal trimming, with valley lilies and ferns, and by Miss Ruth Caldwell in a similar costume.

Oscar Hooker attended the bridegroom as best man, and the groomsmen were Hugh L. Dunn and Hunter C. Brauer. The ribbons were held by Misses Esther Dunn and Gladys Brauer, who wore frocks of embroidered crepe trimmed with lace.

Out-of-town guests included Mrs. R. G. Collier and Mrs. Willis Coorff, of Brooklyn, and many others. A reception followed the ceremony.

At the V. W. C. A.
An invitation is extended to all young women in Richmond to attend the Sunday afternoon at the Fern Loft at 5:30 o'clock to-day. The Young Women's Christian Association will entertain their guests with violin solos by Mrs. F. D. Hequembourg, with Miss Mary Shelton at the piano, and story-telling by Miss Donna Sheahan. These artists will render the following program:

Prayer.
"Romance".....Ambrosia
"Love Letters".....Ambrosia
"The Happy Prince".....Wildie
Intermission of Brahms.

In and Out of Town.
Mrs. William H. White and Miss Emma Gray White went to Norfolk Friday to be the guests of Mrs. Benjamin Gray in Warren Crescent.

Miss Lillian Young, of Hampton, is

the guest of Mrs. Charles Sayre at her home in this city.

Colonel and Mrs. Alexander Cameron have gone to Florida, where they will spend some time at Ormond and Palm Beach.

Mrs. K. B. Savage has gone North, and will spend some time in New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore before her return to Richmond.

Mrs. G. G. Gooch, of Staunton, is the guest of Mrs. Hunter in this city for several weeks.

Mrs. John P. Davidson and little daughter left last week for St. Augustine, Fla.

Miss Annie Stribling has returned to Berryville, after visiting Miss Virginia Chamberlayne, on Park Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hibbard, of Staunton, are spending a few days with friends in Richmond.

Miss Esther Bennett is home from National Park Seminary to spend the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bennett, at 2214 Monument Avenue.

Miss Lucy Coles left Richmond last week for a visit to New York, and will later spend some time in Albemarle county.

Mrs. Harry T. Moore is slowly recovering from a severe attack of rheumatism, having been confined to the house for the past three months.

Miss Lula Eames, of 402 East Main Street, is visiting friends in Charleston, S. C., for several weeks.

Mrs. L. H. Butterick, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. John Hyatt Wright, in Baltimore, will return to Richmond this week.

Miss Helen Mordock, of this city, has been the recent guest of Mrs. William S. Greene in Alexandria.

W. A. Powers has returned to the city, after spending several days with relatives in Scottsville.

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Gowns and Dresses for Spring, \$15 to \$75

In costumes for the coming season we are showing an extensive variety of styles, each portraying beauty and high quality in every line. Supple tulle, soft satins, lustrous with the popular macramé and felt lace insertions and imported lace scarfs charmingly used in connection with satin. French net and Venetian laces play an important part in the development of our lingerie.

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Imported Striped Dimity Shirts, \$3.00 and \$3.50.

MALVERN HILL

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Malvern Hill, Va., March 9.—The March meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society, of Westover Church, was held at "Neston," the home of Mrs. E. C. Harrison. Among those who enjoyed Mrs. Harrison's hospitality were Misses Edith and Mabel Baker, Emily Harrison, Sue Jones, of Urbana, Va.; Carlisle R. and Mamie Richmond, Sue and Edith Carter, Mesdames J. M. Gill, S. A. Clark, M. E. Bell, H. S. Saunders, Oliver, J. E. Mitchell, T. C. Harrison, J. D. Baker, H. T. Harrison and Rev. Joseph D. Baker. The society will meet in April with Mrs. Thomas O. Harrison, at "Bay View."

A meeting was called after the regular services at Westover church on Sunday last to nominate a committee to take charge of a sum of money, which it is understood, Congress will allow on a claim for damages done this historic edifice by Federal troops during the Civil War. J. A. Hutton, treasurer of Westover Church and C. Hill Carter and Edward C. Harrison were nominated as a committee to be appointed by the Judge of the Circuit Court.

Fitzwalter Tyler, youngest son of the late President John Tyler, who has been visiting relatives and friends in this neighborhood for the past week, left Tuesday for Richmond, en route to Washington.

Mrs. Emma Hanly, of Harrisonburg, is the guest of Mrs. H. S. Saunders and Mrs. M. E. Bell, at "Upper Shirley."

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Bell have returned to their home, "Riverview," from a visit to Richmond. While there they were the guests of Mrs. C. K. Doyers.

WYTHEVILLE

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Wytheville, Va., March 9.—Wytheville Gray Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, held its regular monthly meeting Wednesday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. L. G. King. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, quite a number of the members were present.

Rev. M. P. Carico has returned from a trip to Jacksonville and other points in Florida.

Mrs. W. S. Trinkle and children are

visiting the former's mother in Chattanooga.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Lee Trinkle will leave next Monday for a visit to the former's parents in Texas.

Mrs. Charles W. Heuser is the guest of Mrs. Shirley, in Bluefield, W. Va.

Mrs. Henry Williams, who has been recent guest at "Ingledeed," has returned to her home in Martinsburg.

D. Kyle Gibbons is at home after a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Leighton Hulse, in Fayetteville, N. C.

Mrs. Frank Hightower and children are spending the month of March with Judge and Mrs. Cooper Shapley, in Philadelphia.

Mrs. E. G. Robinson is the week-end guest of her father, Dr. C. W. Glenaves, in Lynchburg.

Mrs. Agnes Sanders, of Max Meadows, is visiting Judge and Mrs. W. E. Fulton.

BLACKSBURG

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Blacksburg, Va., March 9.—Mrs. Ellison A. Smythe was the hostess for the weekly meeting of the Campus Sewing Club Wednesday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock at her home on "Faculty Row."

A party of young people from the community went to Roanoke Thursday evening for the recital by Madame Norden.

Mrs. Paul B. Baringer left Friday to spend several weeks with friends at the University of Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes G. Lockwood, of Buchanan, and Mrs. W. W. Bennett, of Fincastle, spent the week at the Blacksburg Inn.

Miss Susan Cooke returned to her school at Danville Thursday, after a visit to her family here.

Dr. Byron W. Eakin, of Union, W. Va., has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Eakin, here.

Mrs. John Lee, of Danville, and Miss Fannie Jeffries, of Culpeper, are guests at the home of Professor and Mrs. Claudius Lee.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry P. Hamill returned to-day from a week's visit to relatives in Staunton.

Dr. S. W. Fletcher and Professor Cooley, of the Institute, have been spending the week in Richmond.

Mrs. George C. Starcher left Wednesday to spend six weeks at her former home in Morgantown, W. Va.

CONCORD

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Concord, Va., March 9.—George Carter, of New York City, is here visiting friends.

W. E. Price, of Winston-Salem, N. C., spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Cross spent last week in Richmond.

Rev. W. E. Langford, the new pastor of the Baptist Church here, preached his first sermon to his congregation last Sunday.

Miss Lizzie Evans attended the teachers' convention held in Lynchburg last Friday and Saturday.

Dr. Frank Fisher spent last Friday and Saturday with his sister here, on his way to Petersburg.

H. C. Steele, of Roanoke, spent Sunday with his home people.

Richard Cross, of Richmond, spent several days with his home people here, and returned Tuesday.

BALLSVILLE

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Ballsville, Va., March 9.—Misses Mary and Ethel Willson are the week-end guests of Mrs. Paul Lipscomb, at Powhatan.

Mrs. Kate C. Gills, of Richmond, is spending the week with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor, of Lynchburg, are visiting Dr. and Mrs. John R. Bagby.

A. W. May and wife were in Richmond last Friday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Henry C. Garrett is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Netherland.

BUCKINGHAM

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Buckingham, Va., March 9.—A. C. Horsely and Miss Louise Horsely, of Warminster, spent some time this week visiting friends and relatives in West Virginia.

James D. Duval has gone on a trip through several of the Southern States and will probably visit South America before returning home.

Mrs. H. C. Glover and her sister, Miss Mildred Horsely left on an extended visit to relatives in Wheeling, W. Va., this week.



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